the following schemes/programmes for the development of khadi industry throughout the country:

(i)Credit at the concessional rate of interest of 4 per cent per annum is provided by banks as per the assessed requirement of the institutions registered with the KVIC/State KVIBs under the Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme.

(ii) Provision of funds for payment of rebate on sales of khadi.

(iii) Assistance for improved design and packaging of khadi and khadi products under the Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) Scheme, implemented by KVIC since 2002-03.

(iv) Assisting under Rural Industries Service Centres (RISC) Scheme (started in 2004-05) for setting up common facility centres to provide common infrastructural support and services to khadi institutions.

(v) Assistance to khadi institutions to participate in exhibitions at the national and sub-national levels, etc., for improving marketing of khadi products.

The Central Government provides grant to KVIC for implementing schemes/programmes for the development of khadi industry through6ut the country, including Uttaranchal. Loans are also provided by banks as per the requirement of the schemes/programmes. During 2005-06, loan of Rs. 2.61 crore has been availed of by the implementing institutions in Uttaranchal from banks under the ISEC Scheme.

Generation of special employment through KVIC

†2284. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to generate special employment through Khadi and Village Industries Commission in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the above scheme is a part of the target set for providing employment by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission; and

(d) if so, the details of funds sanctioned under this scheme, as on date, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The Government has been implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to help eligible entrepreneurs set up village industry units and create employment opportunities in villages and small towns with population upto 20,000, throughout the country. Under this Programme, entrepreneurs can establish village industries by availing of margin money assistance from KVIC and loans from public sector/scheduled commercial banks, selected regional rural banks, cooperative banks, etc., for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakh.

A target of assisting establishment of 31,760 village industry units in (he country, including backward Districts, and thereby help generate 5.90 lakh additional employment opportunities, has been set for 2006-07.

(d) REGP is a Central sector scheme and the budget allocations under the scheme are made to the KVIC and not to the States. Details of margin money (MM) assistance provided by the Government through the KVIC for setting up village industry projects under REGP during 2002-03,2003-04 and 2004-05 are as follows:

Sl.No.	Year	MM assistance (Rs. lakh)
1.	2002-03	19,371.26
2.	2003-04	26,574.46
3.	2004-05	29,329.95

Loans under PMRY

2285. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases sponsored by various State Governments for bank loans under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and allied schemes during the last three years;